Article - Family Law

4-506.

- (a) A respondent under § 4-505 of this subtitle shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the judge should issue a final protective order.
- (b) (1) (i) The temporary protective order shall state the date and time of the final protective order hearing.
- (ii) Unless continued for good cause, the final protective order hearing shall be held no later than 7 days after the temporary protective order is served on the respondent.
- (i) in at least 10-point bold type, that if the respondent fails to appear at the final protective order hearing, the respondent may be served by first-class mail at the respondent's last known address with the final protective order and all other notices concerning the final protective order;
- (ii) specifying all the possible forms of relief under subsection (d) of this section that the final protective order may contain;
- (iii) that the final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 12 months, unless the judge extends the term of the order, under § 4-507(a)(2) of this subtitle OR THE RESPONDENT IS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (G)(3) COURT ISSUES A PERMANENT ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION; and
- (iv) in at least 10-point bold type, that the respondent must notify the court in writing of any change of address.
- (c) (1) If the respondent appears before the court at a protective order hearing or has been served with an interim or temporary protective order, or the court otherwise has personal jurisdiction over the respondent, the judge:
 - (i) may proceed with the final protective order hearing; and
- (ii) if the judge finds by clear and convincing evidence that the alleged abuse has occurred, or if the respondent consents to the entry of a protective